

## Press Release

### **Airbus Foundation and IFRC cyclone Idai relief flight**

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**Toulouse, France, 27 March 2019** – The Airbus Foundation and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have sent 26 tonnes of emergency goods from Geneva, Switzerland, to Maputo, Mozambique, using an Airbus A330neo test aircraft. The relief equipment, provided by the Swiss Red Cross and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, consists of water, sanitation and hygiene equipment as well as shelters. The goods will be transported to Beira, Mozambique, taking much needed relief to the survivors of cyclone Idai.

“We are very saddened by the devastation and losses caused by the cyclone Idai and stand with the people of Mozambique during these incredibly difficult times,” said Guillaume Faury, President Airbus Commercial Aircraft and member of the Airbus Foundation Board of Directors. “Providing humanitarian support in the delivery of critical assistance is at the core of the Airbus Foundation’s mission and we hope that our contribution helps in bringing faster relief to the affected families and communities.”

The aircraft departed from Geneva on the evening of 25 March and landed at Maputo International Airport on the morning of 26 March. The relief items will be distributed through the Mozambican Red Cross supported by IFRC relief teams on the ground.

An estimated 483,000 people have been displaced in central Mozambique by cyclone Idai. The cyclone made landfall on the evening of 14/15 March near the city of Beira, Mozambique’s fourth largest city with a population of over 500,000. Aid workers are worried about the health risks with pools of stagnant water that could become perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

**Photo caption Image1.jpg:** Loading of relief goods for victims of cyclone Idai on an Airbus A330neo test aircraft at Geneva Airport, Switzerland.

**Photo caption Image2.jpg:** Unloading of relief goods for victims of cyclone Idai from an Airbus A330neo test aircraft at Maputo International Airport, Mozambique.

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#### **About the Airbus Foundation**

The Airbus Foundation, chaired by Tom Enders, CEO of Airbus, includes Airbus, Airbus Helicopters and Airbus Defence and Space as founding and contributing members. It is the company’s vehicle for corporate philanthropy, using the group’s resources, aeronautics and space products, competencies, diverse workforce and culture for driving innovation to address societal issues. In particular, the Foundation supports the global humanitarian community and inspires and prepares young people for the challenges of tomorrow. Since its launch in May 2008, the Airbus Foundation has facilitated more than 60 relief or goodwill flights to numerous destinations around the globe. More information can be found at <http://company.airbus.com/company/Foundation.html>.

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